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## AMENDMENT

This is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2003. The Applicant hereby requests an Extension of two (2) months in which to file this Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee to Deposit Account 10-0100 for Lackenbach Siegel, LLP. Please note that the two-month extension date of November 27, 2003 is a federal holiday, which allows for this Amendment to be filed on November 28, 2003.

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